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2011 MBC Annual Meeting Schedule

Nov. 1, 2011 • Tuesday Morning, First Session

8:25	Concert of Praise.....	Praise Team
8:35	Call to Order.....	Gary Richardson
	Congregational Praise and Worship.....	Tom Wilson
	Scripture Reading & Prayer.....	Ian Sheridan
8:55	Organization of the Convention.....	Gary Richardson
	Committee on Order of Business Report.....	Steve Mooneyham
	Recognition of Tellers Committee and Credentials Committee.....	Gary Richardson
	Welcome from FBC, Jackson.....	Bob Gladney
9:10	Congregational Praise and Worship.....	Tom Wilson
9:15	Bible Treasures.....	Robert Jeffress
9:40	Report of Committee on Committees.....	Ben James
9:45	Presentation of Resolutions.....	
9:50	Election of the President.....	Gary Richardson
10:10	Congregational Praise and Worship.....	Tom Wilson
10:15	Convention Board Report.....	Clarence Cooper
10:25	Congregational Praise and Worship.....	Tom Wilson
10:35	Christian Action Commission Report.....	Jimmy Porter
10:45	Concert of Praise.....	Worship Choir and Orchestra
10:55	President's Address.....	Gary Richardson
11:30	Benediction.....	John Richardson

Nov. 1, 2011 • Tuesday Afternoon, Second Session

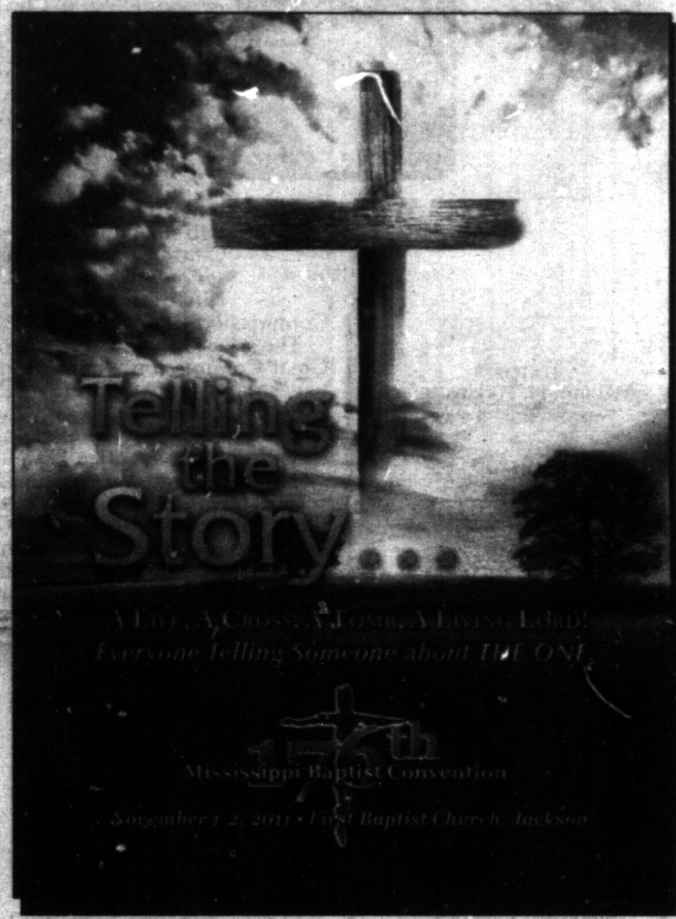
1:30	Concert of Praise.....	Mississippi Singing Churchmen
1:45	Call to Order.....	Paul Crowley
	Congregational Praise and Worship.....	Mark Manning
	Scripture Reading & Prayer.....	Paul and Melinda Hand
2:00	Bible Treasures.....	Robert Jeffress
2:25	Concert of Praise.....	Mississippi Singing Churchmen
2:35	Business Session.....	Gary Richardson
	Presentation of 2012 Budget.....	Kent Cochran
	Results of Election of President	
	Election of Convention Officers	
	Presentation of Resolutions	
	Miscellaneous Business	
3:00	Missions Mobilization.....	Ken Rhodes
3:15	Music Feature.....	Celebration Choir
3:20	Business Session.....	Gary Richardson
	Election of Convention Officers	
	Miscellaneous Business	
3:35	Congregational Praise and Worship.....	Mark Manning
3:40	Choral Praise.....	Celebration Choir
3:50	Convention Sermon.....	James Lewis
4:25	Benediction.....	Grant Stegall

Nov. 1, 2011 • Tuesday Night, Third Session

6:30	Music Feature Mississippi Baptist Convention Orchestra	
6:40	Call to Order.....	Gary Richardson
	Final Presentation of Resolutions	
	Congregational Praise and Worship.....	Slater Murphy
	Scripture Reading & Prayer.....	William Spencer
6:55	Choral Praise.....	Combined Choirs
7:05	Congregational Praise and Worship.....	Slater Murphy
7:10	Choral Praise.....	Combined Choirs
7:20	Mississippi Baptist Convention Board Emphasis.....	Jim Futral
8:00	Benediction.....	J.C. Renfro, Sr.

Nov. 2, 2011 • Wednesday Morning, Fourth Session

8:30	Call to Order.....	Chris Aldridge
	Music Feature.....	Red Roots Trio
	Scripture Reading & Prayer.....	Wes White
8:45	Mississippi Baptist Foundation Report.....	Daniel Hall
8:55	Memorial Service.....	Bruce Cappleman
9:05	Introduction of College Presidents.....	Gary Richardson
9:10	Mississippi College Report.....	Lee Royce
9:20	Recognition of Bivocational Pastor.....	Dale Holloway
9:25	Music Feature.....	Red Roots Trio
9:35	Bible Treasures.....	Robert Jeffress
10:00	Business Session.....	Gary Richardson



Preschool care will be available for children by pre-registration, ages birth through five, at First Baptist Church, Jackson, during the Pastors' Conference and the Mississippi Baptist Convention, October 31, noon - November 2, 2011. Call Michelle Sansing, Childcare Coordinator, at 601-949-1997 to pre-register. All children must be pre-registered by Monday, October 24, 2011. The preschool departments are located on the street level off North State Street.

- Following are the procedures:
1. Pre-register, giving name and age of each child, the parent, and the church.
 2. Pick-up a security card for each child on arrival.
 3. Be sure all belongings are labeled.
 4. For infants, leave a time schedule for feeding.
 5. Leave the children no earlier than 15 minutes before the beginning of a session and pick them up no later than 15 minutes after the close of the session.

Children may remain in the preschool area during the Convention lunch break on Tuesday if parents provide a sack lunch.

Adoption of 2012 Budget.....	Kent Cochran
Committee on Nominations Report.....	R. Bryant Barnes, Jr.
Time, Place & Preacher Committee Report.....	Dan Robertson
Resolutions Committee Report.....	Marc Howard
Miscellaneous Business.....	Gary Richardson
Baptist Children's Village Report.....	Rory Lee
Music Feature.....	Red Roots Trio
Message.....	Michael Catt
Closing Remarks.....	Gary Richardson
Benediction.....	Brady McMillen

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Our civic duty, our spiritual duty

Someone somewhere will always think that a given election is the most important in the history of a city or county or state or the nation, but it would be difficult to underestimate the gravity of the next two elections we face. On Nov. 8 of this year — less than a month from now — Mississippians will hold our quadrennial statewide general election. On Nov. 6, 2012, Americans will elect a president, every member of the U.S. House of Representatives, and one-third of the U.S. Senate.

It is not only our right as Christians to vote in the democratic Republic our Founding Fathers organized so well for us, it is our responsibility. If Christians expect to be taken seriously, we have to vote. Politicians understand the power of the ballot box.

If voting is an important aspect of our civic duty, attending the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention is an important aspect of our spiritual duty. The convention, which will meet on Nov. 1-2 at First Church, Jackson, has since 1824 served as a blessing from God for the furtherance of Kingdom work and obedience to our Lord's Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

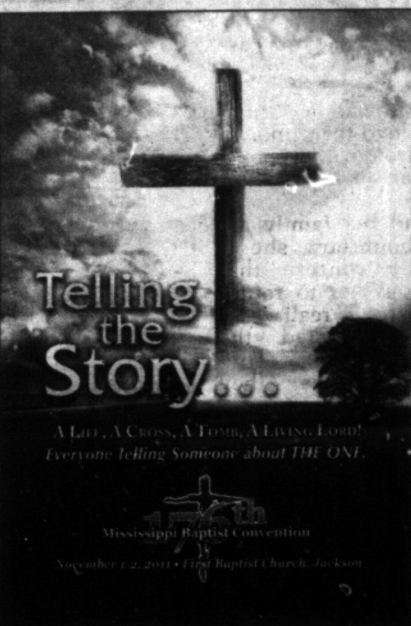
The Mississippi Baptist Convention is a critical link in the Great Commission chain that stretches from each of us in the pews to the people serving on the most remote mission fields on earth — and that's no exaggeration. From this incredible chain has grown the greatest missionary-sending enterprise in the history of the Protestantism — and that's no exaggeration, either.

The Cooperative Program is the unified giving plan that sprang from unified Baptists to support our manifold and far-flung ministries. Through the Cooperative Program, the people in the pews have the opportunity to give to their local church, which retains a percentage of the funds for their local missions activities and sends the remainder to their state Baptist convention (in our case, the Mississippi Baptist Convention).

Many churches and individual Christians are looking for ways to take up the responsibility God has given people to be stewards of the earth (Genesis 1:26, 28), but how can it be done? Here are some fundamental yet practical tips that go beyond banal and often unjustified demands.

• **Count all the costs.** One reason many families and churches are reassessing their energy use is growing costs. Being a good steward involves not paying more than is necessary for goods and services. Wasting money in one area means fewer resources for essential ministry. Turning off lights and idled computers will use less power. Maintaining HVAC units and using high-tech thermostats will also save power and money.

• **Insist on sound environmental science.** Science is not the enemy. Modern science and engineering have improved human stewardship of the environment. Even the use of technologies that we take for granted in Europe and North America can make a large and positive difference in the environment and the lives of people in Africa, Asia, and South America. Crisis-



The state Baptist conventions receive those funds and retain a portion for state missions activities. The remainder is sent by the state Baptist conventions to the Southern Baptist Convention, which uses its portion of the gifts from the people in the pews to fund its missions activities.

All along the Cooperative Program pipeline, each entity determines the portion of churchgoers' gifts that will be retained at that level and how much will be sent on to the next level. The local church determines how much will be sent to the state Baptist conventions, and the state Baptist conventions determine how much will be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention.

That's where you come in. It is important that members be involved in the decisions that are made at the local church level — and not all of those important decisions involve finances. It is equally important that the members of churches affiliated with the Mississippi Baptist Convention be involved on the state convention level, as crucial decisions of all types are also made there.

Messengers are chosen by their local churches to represent their local churches in voting matters of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, as presented at the annual meeting.

To find out how to represent your church at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, contact your church office.

If your church office isn't sure how to do that, ask them to contact the office of the executive director of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board at (601) 292-3201 or toll-free outside Jackson (800) 748-1651, ext. 201. E-mail: bbo@mbcb.org.

The annual meeting is not all business. You don't even have to be designated as a messenger to attend the annual meeting. It's open to anyone who wants to join together to worship the Lord and praise His greatness — and there's plenty of time and plenty of ways set aside on the schedule to do just that. (Only registered messengers can vote on business, however.)

Like our secular government, our denominational polity is centered around self-governance. Both systems work because the people get involved. One is our civic duty; the other is our spiritual duty. May we not fail in our commitment to either.

GUEST OPINION:

Churches going green: take care of the basics

By Benjamin B. Phillips
Houston, Texas



mongering on the basis of faulty scientific claims is not the way to motivate faithful obedience to God's Word.

• **Engage environmental issues in a Christian manner.** Much of the modern environmental movement has a spiritual orientation that runs counter to historic, orthodox Christianity. Christians should engage in the current discussions on the environment, but we must not fail to speak and think as Christians as we do so. Biblical theology provides both significant support and needed correction to the modern environmental movement.

Scripture calls people to be good stewards of the earth, but it does not see the ideal world as pristine nature. We are to develop a beneficial and fruitful dominion over

people in the Third World: water pollution, indoor air pollution from cooking fires, and soil erosion are among the many environmental hazards that lead to disease, malnutrition, and early death.

Christians can combine environmentalism and evangelism at the point of addressing the environmental issues that inflict the greatest immediate harm on the world's poor. In so doing, they win a more sympathetic hearing for the Gospel.

Many of these solutions run counter to the current anti-carbon orthodoxy of the global warming movement, but providing low-cost electricity makes a huge difference in the level of life-enhancing, environment-saving technologies available in poor countries.

Building power plants may be beyond the resources of churches, but drilling water wells, teaching soil-conserving farming, and constructing chimneys to alleviate indoor air pollution are well within our means.

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Miss. Baptist combines love of Gospel, cooking

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP) — Since winning Fox Television Network's MasterChef contest last year, Mississippian Whitney Miller has been sharing her love of food with the publication of her first cookbook, but new recipes and satisfied taste buds aren't all this southerner wants to spread.

The Mississippi cook is using her fame to share the Gospel.

MasterChef is a cooking reality show hosted by Gordon Ramsay, celebrity chef and owner of several award-winning restaurants. The show's harrowing finale, where Miller had to prepare and cook a second piece of chicken in less than 10 minutes after dropping her first piece, aired last September and is one of several moments during the show that she says is evidence of God's protection in her life.

"There's so many times I knew the Lord's hand was over me because I don't think I would have made it through the whole competition without Him," Miller, a member of Temple Church in Hattiesburg, told Baptist Press.

Ramsay, the show's head judge, told Miller, who was 22 at the time, that she was too young during her audition. Now she has turned that snub around and encourages other young men and women. Every time she signs a copy of her new cookbook, *Modern Hospitality*, she writes "1 Timothy 4:12," which says: "Don't let anyone look down

on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

"I really love the opportunity that through the book I can use that as a witness," Miller said.

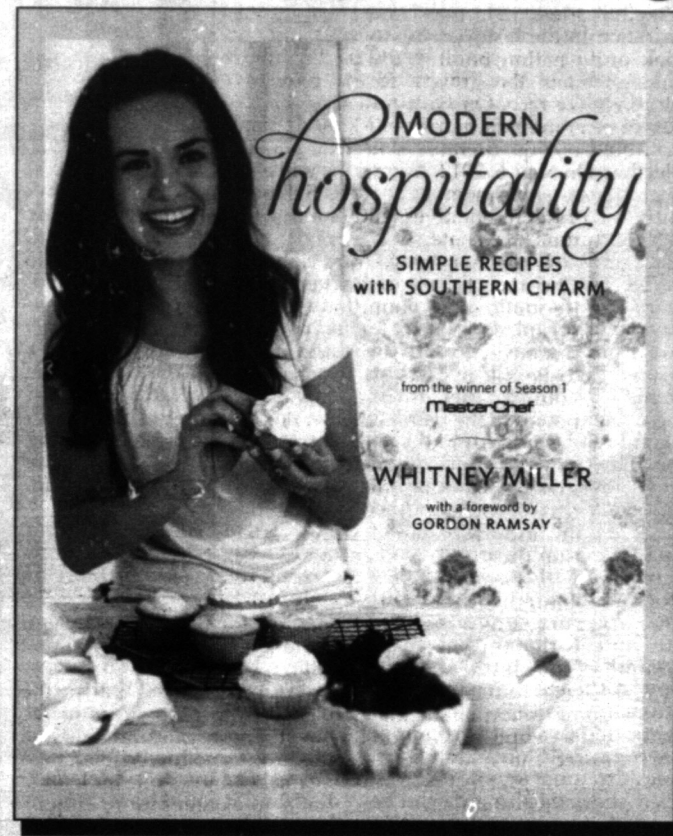
Miller and her family are cautious about how she is portrayed, a concern that almost caused her to refuse signing the basic reality TV contract that stated the show's producers could depict her any way they wished.

However, the show's executive producer promised her that cameras would only film on set and how she acted in front of them was how she would be shown onscreen, she said.

Even after the show, Miller is careful with her actions because she does not want to do anything that would discourage people from the Gospel. For example, she refuses to be a part of events held in casinos.

"I have my morals and values and I stand on those," Miller said. "If money is put towards me or whatever, I don't sway from my beliefs."

Miller's cookbook, which mentions her faith in the introduction, is not just a way for her to encourage others and share Christ's love. It is the fruition of her childhood dream. "It's been a big dream of mine since I was young to be able to put a cookbook out," she said. "It's southern



classics but with my own modern twist."

However, Miller said she knows her success does not come from herself. She attributes it to God and said her first step in all of her endeavors has been prayer.

"Anything that I do I just pray over it, and before I even started the cookbook I just prayed that it would be something that people could really use and not just something that was put up," she said.

She asked God to make her a servant and show her people who do not believe, and He did, she said. During her cookbook tour, she met people with different nationalities, cultures, and religions and was able to share the Gospel with them.

Her life can be hectic and unpredictable, which she rel-

ishes because it forces her to realize that she is not the one in control. "On a daily basis I know I have to be in the Word because it's the foundation for everything," she said. "I know that I just have to have faith that the Lord does have a plan for me."

Miller studied nutrition in college and said her next aspiration is to encourage families to bring their children into the kitchen. Hopefully by doing so, children can learn about produce and pick up healthy cooking tips that can help them make better, more nutritious decisions as they get older, she said.

"Being a resident of Mississippi, it's not exactly known for being the healthiest state, so if I can help with that, that is really one of my passions," she said.

Looking back

10 years ago

At least six individuals make immediate professions of faith after responding to a full-page newspaper ad placed by Southern Baptists in USA Today on Sept. 27.

20 years ago

Baylor University president Herbert Reynolds charges Joel Gregory, pastor of First Church, Dallas, with exploiting his credentials as a "bona fide fundamentalist" after Gregory criticizes Reynolds and Baylor's plan to elect most of its regents on its own.

50 years ago

"Mindful of the unprecedented plight of our frightened, confused world, the President and Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in session in Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 20, 1961, issue a call to every pastor and every member of every church in the convention to unite in prayer Oct. 8 ... to claim God's pardon, his healing, and his deliverance." — Herschel Hobbs and John H. Haldeman.



THE SECOND FRONT PAGE

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YOU CAN RESPOND RIGHT NOW!

Simply share the following prayer with God in your own words:

1. Lord, I admit that I need you. (I have sinned.)
2. I want forgiveness for my sins and freedom from eternal death. (I repent.)
3. I believe Jesus died and rose from the grave to forgive my sins and to restore my relationship with you. (I believe in Jesus.)
4. By faith, I invite Jesus Christ into my life. From this time on, I want to live in a loving relationship with Him. (I receive Christ as my Savior and Lord.)

"But as many as received him, to them he gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in his name." (John 1:12)

If you make a decision for Jesus Christ today, contact a local Baptist church for spiritual guidance.

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Have fun with cryptography and exercise your Bible knowledge. A King James Version Bible verse has been encoded by letter substitution. The same letter is substituted throughout the puzzle. Solve by trial and error. Answer to last week's puzzle: Psalm Forty-three: Five

A MESSAGE FROM A CEMETERY MARKER

One day I was visiting an old cemetery that was very large. I went through the entrance gate and was going to look around for some of the old significant gravesites in the cemetery. There were a number of very important people from years gone by buried at this historical site. As I went into the cemetery, right at the entryway there was a fairly large granite marker. I walked over thinking it might be the burial place of some statesman, literary giant, or famous pastor. I looked at the name and right under it written in quotes was, "Little Major Neal." I thought this must have been a military leader. Then I read on down and saw the dates of birth and death and I realized that this was a nine-year old child who had died. At the very bottom of this big tombstone it said, "How many folks lie here?" I stood there thinking about this large marker for a brief life and realized that huge dreams were buried there. Beyond just getting my attention this marker reminded me that life cannot be measured only in years. Actually, great joys and significant accomplishments can be poured into just a few years.

A second thing that the marker said to me was concerning the sadness of a short life. How many great experiences did Little Major Neal miss? The parents must have thought about intellectual achievements, possibly athletic greatness, marriage, family, and community leadership. When a life is brief, we always



Directions

Jim Futral, executive director-treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention Board

seem to focus on the good that is missed and fail to think about the bad from which he might have been delivered. In his future there could have been tests that were failed, hurtful and broken relationships, lost jobs, cancer, heart attacks, drugs, car accidents, and that is not to mention the little things we struggle with like not making the team, having to wear braces, or being overweight or too skinny. Life always seems to have its downside.

A third thing that the marker said to me was concerning the greater sadness of a long life unfulfilled. I looked around the cemetery that stretched over hills and valleys. I wondered how many people were buried there who lived to be 70, 80, or 90 years of age. I even saw markers of folks who lived to be over 100. How many lived, tried, failed, died, and it could be written of them, "How many unfulfilled dreams lie here?" Through the years I have noticed that one of the saddest things in life is to see people up in years that have so little to celebrate. They had hoped for so much and so many things had gone sour. Maybe it was a marriage that did not work out, a book that was unwritten, a song that was unsung, or jobs and positions

they applied for and did not get. The experiences mount up and the poison seems to be throughout their system. The years, though many, only seem to intensify the failures.

There was a final message that came to me from this interesting marker in the cemetery: "Maximize the day, this day the one in your possession." The Scripture says, "This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps. 118:24). It is the people who have found

that relationship with the Lord and day-by-day go about their work, do their jobs, love the Lord, hug their kids, show kindness to the folks they come in contact with, say an encouraging word, write an uplifting letter, and just one day at a time keep accumulating and piling up blessing after blessing who find life itself a wonder to behold.

While there is not much that we can do about the shattered dreams of the past or the thoughtless wrong decisions that we have made, today is quite different. It sits before you and me laden with possibilities that we can take advantage of and literally make a difference. Since we have this one day to do something, let's get on with it!

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NEW BOOK: ANNE WASHBURN MCWILLIAMS MORSE, former associate editor, The Baptist Record, has published **WITH ME MY SHEPHERD**, paraphrases of Psalms 23, as "Teacher's Psalm", "Gardner's Psalm", "Japanese Psalm", "Seaman's Psalm". Includes devotional commentary. Cost: \$10.00 plus \$1.75 postage. Contact author: 121 Waycross Court, Jackson, Ms. 39206 (601-362-5632). Ideal gift book.

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Matthew 10:27 NAS

October 13, 2011

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Day for Homeschool Students

Friday, Nov. 4 • 10am-3pm • Lunch included

Adventure Recreation Day is for homeschool students in grades 1-12. Activities will include kiddie, low, and high ropes courses and other outdoor activities.

Cost: \$10 per person / \$30 max per family, due at time of registration

Registration deadline: Oct. 31, 2011

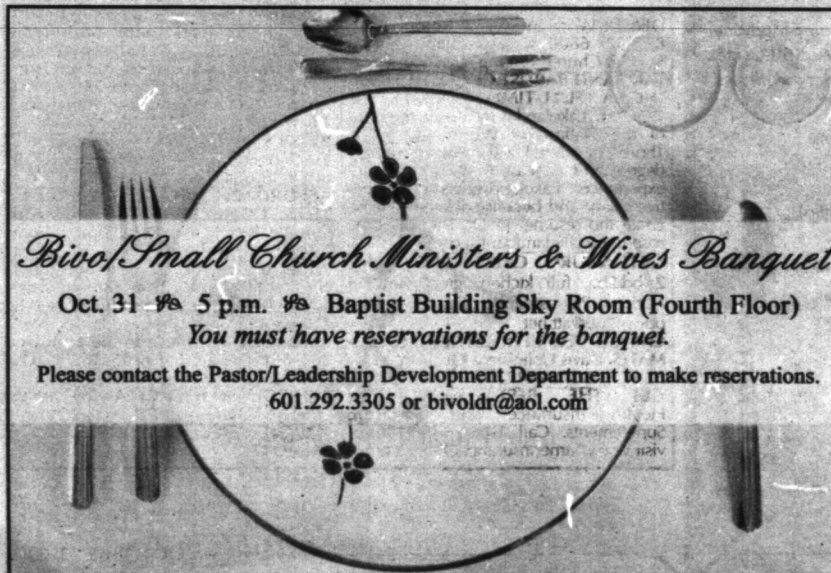
Contact Garaywa, at 601-924-7034, for a registration form.



A Woman's Guide
to Joyful Living
Rhonda H. Kelley

MINISTERS' WIVES CONFERENCE

Monday, October 31, 2011
FBC Chapel, Jackson
1:15 - 4:45 p.m.

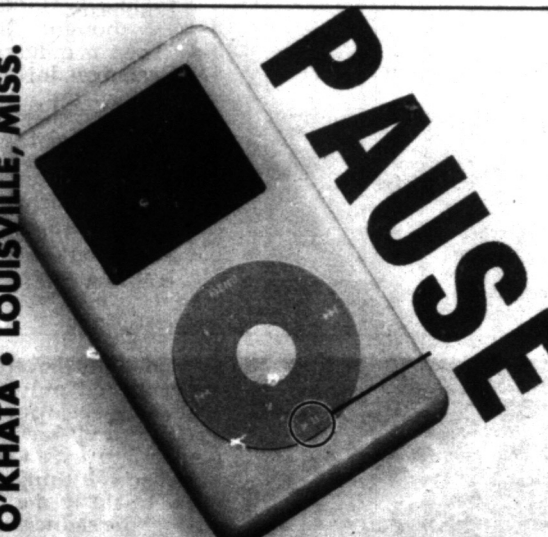


Bivoli/Small Church Ministers & Wives Banquet

Oct. 31 - 5 p.m. - Baptist Building Sky Room (Fourth Floor)
You must have reservations for the banquet.

Please contact the Pastor/Leadership Development Department to make reservations.
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PO Box 530, Jackson MS 39205-0530

OR email René Edwards, with ALL of the information from the form, at redwards@mbcb.org.

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November 7, 2011



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Mississippi Baptist Building Chapel
Jackson, Mississippi

LED BY:
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October 31, 2011

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John 16:33

Oct. 14 - 27, 2011

Pray for: **Kaye Brooks**,* IMB missionary ministering to American Peoples in Chile through church planting.

Pray for: a team from **Star BC** as they travel to south-east Asia to minister through an IMB worker retreat, Oct. 17-29.

Pray for: missionaries who are stateside getting children settled into college in the States. Pray for these families as many will be going back to the field soon, leaving their college students behind to study.

Pray for: the **SEND** Vancouver Coalition Meeting, an effort to form a coalition for planting churches in Vancouver, Oct. 19-21.

Pray for: Mississippi churches in the Commitment Phase of the 2012 missions emphasis on reaching England. Pray God will reveal His direction for your church's involvement.

Pray for: **Ken & Elaine Rhodes**, **Ronnie & Beverly Cottingham**, and **Nichole Lambert** as they lead a retreat in Ohio for ministers and their wives, Oct. 13-16.

Pray for: **Matthew* and Megan* Brewer**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Hungary through church and home outreach and evangelism.

Pray for: **Donald* and Donna* Brown**, IMB missionaries ministering to European Peoples in Romania through church and home outreach, evangelism and church planting.

Pray for: **David and Pamela* Carlton**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in South Africa through church and home outreach, evangelism, and theological education.

Pray for: **Richard* and Wanda Clark**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in Romania through missions strategy coordination.

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Pray for: **Thomas* and Kerri Dewett**, IMB missionaries ministering to American Peoples in the Dominican Republic through church and home outreach and evangelism.

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Pray for: **John and Claudia* Brown**, IMB missionaries ministering to Sub-Saharan African Peoples in Malawi through church and home outreach and evangelism.

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HOUSE TOPS

JUST FOR THE RECORD



2. Montgomery Church, Summit



3. Beall ordination



5. Crowder Church, Crowder



6. Providence Church, Hattiesburg

1. Bunker Hill Church, Columbia, is hosting Calm Assurance in concert on Oct. 16, 6 p.m.

2. The GA's from Montgomery Church, Summit, participated in the unit, Game On!, Sept. 28. Shown are Alayna Moak, Cloie Taylor, Kaylee Brown, Taylor Pickett, Reagan Kirkland, Katelynn Palmer, and Annie Parker.

3. Williamsville Church, Kosciusko, ordained Stan Beall as deacon Sept. 25. Shown are Beall, his wife Tammy, Margaret Davis, and pastor Junior Davis.

4. Corinth Church, Heidelberg, will hold its annual fall festival Oct. 29, 5 - 8 p.m., including fun, food, games, prizes, balloons, cakewalks, hayrides, an inflatable slide, door prizes, and more.

5. Crowder Church, Crowder, licensed Chris Boland, Ethan Waldrip, and Ben Womble to the gospel ministry on Oct. 2. Shown are student minister Jeremy Sartain, Boland, Waldrip, Womble, and pastor Larry Kilgore.

6. Providence Church, Hattiesburg, presented Sunday School perfect attendance awards to three members. Shown are assistant Sunday School director Winfred Johnson, Opal Townsend, Nancy Gibson, Hazel Campbell (42 years perfect attendance), and minister of youth and associate pastor Manning Minton.

7. Doty Springs Church, Attala Association, ordained Randy Rhodes as deacon on Oct. 2. Shown are pastor Larry Odom, Brenda Rhodes, and Rhodes.

8. Morgan Chapel Church, Sturgis, held a baby dedication service. Shown are the families with pastor Ralph Windle.

9. Crestview Church, Petal, ordained Mark O'Mary as deacon on Oct. 2. Shown are O'Mary and pastor Stephen Smith.

10. Hope Church, Neshoba County, ordained Allen White as a deacon Sept. 11. He is shown with his pastor, Dennis Duvall.



7. Rhodes ordination



8. Morgan Chapel Church, Sturgis



9. O'Mary ordination



10. White ordination

Hotel/Motel Accommodations for the 2011 Mississippi Baptist Convention

Hotel/Motel rates effective October 30 – November 2, 2011. When you ask for reservations, be sure to tell them you are attending the Mississippi Baptist Convention. OT – occupancy tax.

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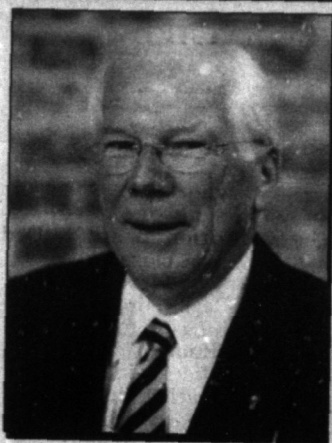
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COLLEGE AND SEMINARY NEWS

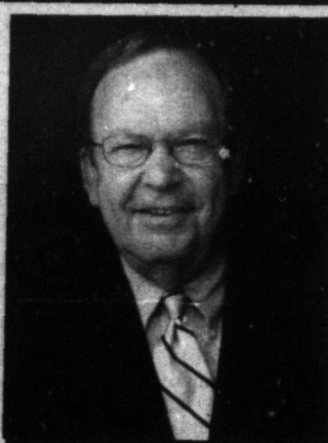
1. Mississippi College trustees chairman Roy Ward will receive the school's Award of Excellence Oct 21. He and other award winners will be honored at a dinner during homecoming weekend at 6 p.m. at Anderson Hall.

2. Rory Lee has been named Mississippi College's Alumnus of the Year. Lee is executive director of the Baptist Children's Village which maintains eight campuses across the state. The ministry serves 300 children every year. Lee graduated from MC in 1971.

3. The Mississippi Alumni of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will meet on November 1 in the Chapel Dining Room of First Church, Jackson. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Paul Blanchard, AMD of Winston Baptist Association, P.O. Box 867, Louisville, MS 39339. Please purchase tickets in advance so we can give FBC an accurate meal count. Your cooperation is appreciated.



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BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE Hope Discovered

Luke 7: 1-17

By Huey Dedmon

One of my church members recently had an experience that reminds us to never give up hope. He was preparing his deer stand for the upcoming hunting season and had taken his family pet, a little dachshund, into the woods with him. The little dog got on the trail of a deer and ran barking into the woods. My friend searched for hours for his dog, but to no avail. He alerted all of the surrounding neighborhoods and friends to be on the lookout for his pet. In our passage today, Luke describes for us two of the most powerful miracles Jesus performed in His earthly ministry. Both remind us that we should never give up hope because Jesus is our Hope.

Jesus has Authority
Luke 7:1-10

Luke tells for us the story

of a Roman Soldier, a Centurion, and his servant who was at the point of death. The Centurion heard that Jesus was close by and sent some Jewish Elders to ask Him to come and heal his servant. Usually Jews and Romans, especially Roman soldiers, did not associate with each other. In this case the Centurion was described as a friend of the Jews. He had helped the Jews in many ways, even to the point of building a synagogue for them. There are several accounts in scripture where Roman Centurions are said to be friends of the Jews. Cornelius in Acts 10 and Julius in Acts 27 are best known. Jesus agreed to go with the Jewish Elders and was met before he reached the Centurion's home by some of



Dedmon

his friends. The Centurion's confession that he was unworthy of having Jesus enter his home and that he knew that Jesus could just say the word and his servant would be healed, surprised Jesus. The Centurion compared his authority as a leader of many men who obeyed his every command, to Jesus' authority as the Son of God. Jesus was so astonished at the faith of this man, a gentile, that he said He had not experienced such a faith even among His own. The bottom line here is the Centurion's recognition of the authority of Jesus. The most common accusation coming from the Pharisees and Scribes against Jesus was a question of His authority. We are reminded that the hope we have as God's children is based in the fact that Jesus has authority over sin and death. Also note that His authority is unlimited. He did not even have to

be in the room with the servant for him to be healed.

Jesus Shows Compassion
Luke 7:11-15

Jesus moves from His encounter with the Centurion to the city of Nain. As He enters the city with His entourage He meets a funeral procession. His observation reveals a widow coming out of the city to bury her only son. In Jewish culture women depended on the men of the family to take care of them. She had not only lost her husband, but now she has lost her only son. This fact, along with the grief of losing her only child, caused Jesus to have compassion on her. The word "compassion" suggests to us that Jesus felt something for her that came from deep within Him. We describe this as coming from the heart or the very seat of our emotions. What Jesus did for her is the same thing He will do for us someday. He raised her son from the dead and he will raise us also. This miracle also reminds us that we must be willing to help others, even if they do not ask. The widow never asked

Jesus for help. He helped because He could. We do not serve God out of a sense of duty. We serve out of a sense of compassion for the lost and hurting.

Jesus Deserves Praise
Luke 7:16-17

Everyone witnessing these events recognized God's presence and glorified Him. Jesus deserved their praise and the news of the miracles they had seen spread throughout Judea and the vicinity. I mentioned my friend and his little dog earlier. Much like the happy endings of these miracles that story has a happy ending also. After three days of being lost in the woods, the little dachshund showed up at a neighbor's house. The neighbor, because he had been put on alert, called the owner and they were happily reunited. Jesus has put us on alert and given us His authority to spread the news of the hope we can have in Him!

Dedmon is associate pastor for education and outreach, Brandon Church, Brandon.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE It's All About Certainty

Romans 8:9-17, 26-32

By Marion D. Duncan

Many Christians today are aware of the Holy Spirit and even that He is part of the Trinity; but because that concept is difficult to tackle, some often give up on it and refuse to think about the Holy Spirit. Yet they belong to God's family, and have a special relationship with the Holy Spirit and should know what that relationship involves and what the Holy Spirit does in their lives. The goal of this lesson is to help us itemize the Holy Spirit's work in a Christian's life and examine our lives for evidence of the Spirit's work.

In the beginning of Romans 8, Paul assures the Christians that according to grace there is no more condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus because He made them free from the law of sin and death.

He did this so we, too, could be the kind of people the law of grace correctly wants us to be, no longer following sin, but following the Spirit — thinking about things the Spirit wants us to do.

The Holy Spirit lives in Christians, giving evidence of their spiritual status as believers and of their future resurrection. Walking daily in close relationship with the Holy Spirit has the potential of making the Christian more like Christ with every step taken. In this growing relationship and likeness to Christ, the Christian life is coming nearer heaven even when it is still on earth — more one in Christ. "It is a life which is such a steady progress to God that the final transition of death is only a natural and inevitable stage



Duncan

use the Spirit's help to stop doing the wrong things you do with your body, you will have true life." (Romans 8:13b New Century Version) As Christians we did not receive a spirit that made us slaves again to fear, but the Spirit of Sonship. Adoption in Roman society was a very serious matter. A Roman son in regard to his father never came of age. No matter how old he was, he was always under the "patria potestas" or the father's power over his family — it was absolute, the power of life or death. The adopted person lost all rights in his old family, and gained all the rights of a fully legitimate

son in his new family — in the most binding legal way, he got a new father. He became an inalienable heir to his father's estate. (Barclay) As co-heirs with Christ, we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. (NIV)

Paul asserted that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us when we do not know how to express our needs and when we do not know how to pray for God's will in some matter. The intercession made for us by the Spirit is effective in three ways: (1) God searches and knows our hearts as only He can; (2) He knows the mind of the Spirit; (3) the Spirit prays according to the will of God. "One day this groaning will give place to glory as we, who have been adopted into the family, are finally fully adapted for that family and receive our glorified bodies and enter into God's new creation." (Exploring Romans, John Phillips)

Christians have assurance that God is at work in their lives in various good ways and this work is the evidence of

God's unconditional love for them. Romans 8:28 is a promise hidden in the hearts of Christians because "we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose." (RSV)

From verses 29-30, we need to understand God's eternal purpose — His determination to save sinners through the atonement accomplished by Jesus Christ, God's plan long before creation was begun. This affirms that God took the initiative in our salvation. He takes the initiative to bring about His purpose to save all people. Two truths must be recognized in regard to this: God is sovereign and man is given free agency and personal responsibility. How to reconcile these two great truths remains a struggle. (The Baptist Faith and Message)

Will he not also graciously give us all things?

Duncan is a member and pastor's wife from First Church, Macon.

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Congress opens investigation into Planned Parenthood irregularities

WASHINGTON (BP and local reports) — A congressional committee has launched an investigation of scandal-plagued Planned Parenthood, the country's largest abortion provider and a strong opponent of Initiative 26 (Personhood Amendment) in Mississippi even though the organization does not own a clinic in the state.

The House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee is examining the policies and practices of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America and its 83 affiliates. A Sept. 15 letter from Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., to Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards that sought information about the organization's use of federal funds and compliance with federal law was made public Sept. 27.

In the letter, Stearns asked Richards to provide audits, documentation, policies, and procedures regarding such issues as improper billing, segregation of federal funds from abortion services, and reporting of suspected sex abuse and human trafficking.

Stearns is chairman of the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, which is under the Energy and Commerce Committee. Planned Parenthood and some congressional allies criticized Stearns' action, but pro-life advocates welcomed the news.

"I can think of very few organizations that are more deserving of a thorough federal investigation than Planned Parenthood," said Richard Land, president of the Southern Baptist Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission in Nashville.

"How they spend approximately \$363 million in taxpayer

money annually is certainly a legitimate subject for congressional oversight and concern. This anti-life organization with a nefarious eugenics and racist past should not be getting any government funding — period — but as long as they are getting government funding, they should be the subject of aggressive congressional scrutiny."

Charmaine Yoest, president of Americans United for Life (AUL), said the request for Planned Parenthood's records is "a historic first step in getting the American taxpayer out of the business of subsidizing abortion."

Lila Rose, president of the youthful, pro-life organization Live Action, described Stearns' letter as "essential to protecting victims of abuse, our young girls, and our unborn brothers and sisters."

AUL and Live Action both have conducted their own investigations into Planned Parenthood.

In a 181-page report released in July, AUL documented known and alleged abuses by Planned Parenthood over a 20-year period and called on Congress to investigate it for misuse of government funds and circumvention of state laws.

Live Action's undercover investigations in recent years have disclosed a variety of unsavory practices in Planned Parenthood clinics. This year, a hidden-camera sting in several states showed Planned Parenthood employees demonstrating a willingness to aid self-professed sex traffickers whose prostitutes supposedly were in their early teens.

The congressional investigation targets an organization that received more than \$363 million

in government grants and contracts from federal, state, and local sources in 2008-09. While Planned Parenthood's affiliates provide contraceptives and some health-care services, their abortion advocacy especially has elicited opposition.

Planned Parenthood's number of abortions and share of the abortion market has increased as government funding has increased over the years. Planned Parenthood's affiliates performed more than 332,000 abortions in 2009.

While Planned Parenthood's annual abortion totals have grown, the number of abortions in the United States has decreased by about one-fourth since 1990. Planned Parenthood signaled last year its apparent intention to continue to increase its abortion business when it issued a requirement that each of its affiliates have at least one clinic performing the procedure by 2013.

In his letter, Stearns' requests of Richards included:

- Internal audits dating to 1998 that reveal incidents of improper billing in such federal programs as Medicaid and Title X family planning.

- State audits of Planned Parenthood A since 1991.

- Documentation that confirms Planned Parenthood and its affiliates are not using federal money to underwrite abortion.

- An explanation of how funding for family planning is kept separate from money for abortion services.

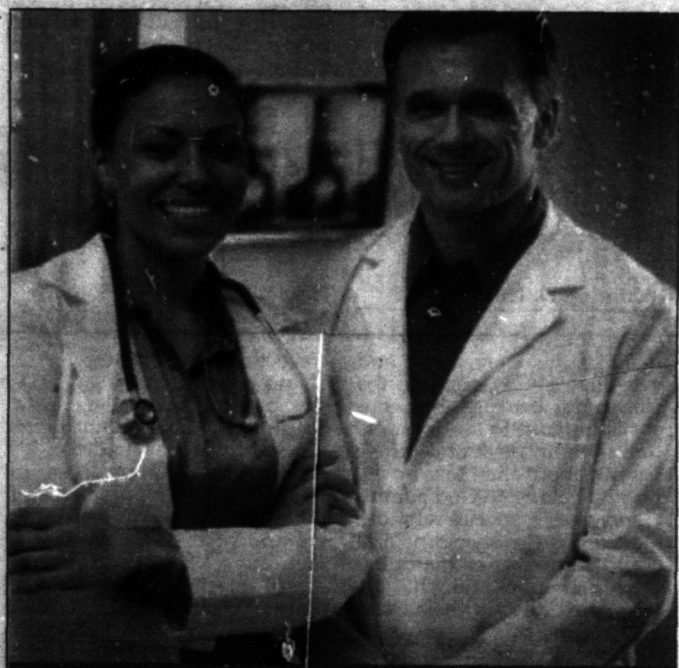
- Policies and procedures that guarantee Planned Parenthood clinics report all suspected cases of sexual abuse, including statutory rape, to authorities.

STAFF CHANGES



1. The Cotherns

1. Mt. Olive Church, Smithdale, has called Richard Cothern as pastor. Shown are Cothern, his wife Darlene, and children, Lisa and Steven.



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REVIVALS AND HOMECOMINGS

1. **Chunky Church, Chunky:** Homecoming, Oct. 16; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by lunch; Bruce Cappleman, speaker.

2. **Jayess Church, Jayess:** Homecoming, Oct. 16; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch; Brent Causey, pastor.

3. **Wayside Church, Vicksburg:** Revival, Oct. 16 - 19; Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; James Messer, speaker; Jack Hollingsworth, music; James Wooley, pastor.

4. **Bellevue Church, Pontotoc County:** Revival, Oct. 16 - 19;

Sun., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; Mon. - Wed., 7 p.m.; George Steward, Charles Stubblefield, David Ard, Junior Richey, and Joe Herndon, speakers; Tommy Inmon, pastor.

5. **First Church, Oloh:** Homecoming, Oct. 16; services, 10 a.m., followed by dinner on the grounds; Scott Smith, pastor and speaker; Paul Blackwell, music.

6. **First Church, Clara:** Homecoming/100th anniversary, Oct. 15 - 16; Sat., 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., with games, inflatable jumps, food, and music from Calvary Church's youth praise team, Driven; Sun., Sunday

School, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., with pastorial note burning, presentation of 100th anniversary certificate, PowerPoint presentation, and lunch; Meyers Family, music; Jim Futral, speaker.

7. **Ethel Church, Ethel:** Homecoming, Oct. 16; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship and lunch; Joey Barnard, speaker; Wes Carlisle, music.

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